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KIMMEL FAMILY

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Michael Kimmel was born October, 16⁶²~~25~~, in the Kingdom of Poland. Was a Colonel in the Polish Service, a man of fine education, was married 1689, has three sons and one daughter. His wife's family name was Souler. His children were Phillip, Jacob, Valentine and Elizabeth.

Phillip, first son of Michael, was born November, 1695; was married to Elizabeth Folsom or Volsom 1719 in the Dukedom of Saxony. Phillip with his six sons came to America in 1755, landed at Alexandria, at which time, General Bradlock and Colonel Washington were concentrating their forces to march on Fort Duquesne, the family for protection accompanied them as far as Fredericktown, from there they went to York County, Pa., bought property and settled there.

George Kimmel, son of Phillip, was born in the Kingdom of Bavaria, near the river Rhine, Dec. 25th., 1743, was married to Juliana Ruby, York County, Pa., Aug. 1 1768. He settled at the foot of the Allegheny Mountains, in the county, then Bedford, now Somerset, Pa.

Peter Kimmel, son of George Kimmel was born November 17th., 1771; married Phoebe Husband, a daughter of Harmon Husband near Somerset, Pa., June 7th., 1796. Peter Kimmel was the first Sheriff of Somerset, County.. In 1808 was an elector for President and Vice-President from Pennsylvania. He lived in Somerset County until 1813, when he moved to Pittsburgh, Pa. He erected and put in operation at Sidneyville, near Pittsburgh, a foundry for casting cannon balls for the United States Government in 1813.

Singleton Husband Kimmel, son of Peter and Phoebe Husband Kimmel, was born 21st. March, 1797, in the town of Berlin, Somerset County, Pa. In 1814, when seventeen years of age, his father sent him with a large stock of merchandise, with which he descended the Ohio to the mouth in a flatboat. At that place he employed a barge which carried the stock to Kaskaskia, Ill. He retailed his stock of goods and returned to Pittsburgh on horseback in the dead of winter. Doing this for a number of years he established stores in Brownsville, Shawneetown, Cairo, Breesville, Ill.,

Apple Creek, Cape Gireadeau, Mo., and several other places in southern Illinois and Missouri. Coming west early in life, he was for some years engaged in flat-boating, and in that capacity traversed the entire length of the Ohio River, the Mississippi from St. Louis to New Orleans, and a portion of its tributaries. In 1824 he took charge of the Illinois Gazette, at Shawneetown, its being the only newspaper in Illinois supporting the election of General Andrew Jackson for the presidency. The state having three electoral votes cast two for Jackson, In 1828 he was elected to Illinois Legislature and served during sessions of 1828 and 1829. In 1852 he was appointed a delegate to the last Whig Convention held at Baltimore on the 16th., of June of that year, where the Democratic Convention had but lately held their convention. Each of these assemblies proposed resolutions declaring that the action of Congress in the passage of the Compromise Bill and the Fugitive Slave Law should be a finality on the subject of slavery, and that all agitations of the subject should cease. These resolutions were passed by each body, almost by acclamation. How it was kept by the Whigs let the cruel war of 1861-1862-1863 and 1864 tell. As far as the Democratic party is concerned it is only fair to say they came nearer holding good faith to the South than the Whigs. Mr. Kimmel was twice married, on Feb., 16th. 1830 to Caroline Monica Manning, to whom were born a daughter Julia, and son Manning Marius. And to his second wife, Sarah Gorgas, in Philadelphia, on March 3rd., 1836. To this union were born George Gorgas, Edward Allen and Cora Lee. In 1857 he removed with his family to Cape Gireadeau, Mo., where on March 7th., 1868 he died, after leading an active, busy life, having in his business relations visited nearly all parts of this vast continent, and accumulated a large property as the fruits of his energy.

Marius Manning Kimmel was born October 25, 1832, in Perry County, Missouri, at the mouth of Apple Creek. His father was Singleton Husband Kimmel, and his mother was Caroline Monica Manning Kimmel. He was baptized in the Catholic Church and received his early education in the Catholic schools of Missouri. His father sent him to Princeton University, but before his graduation from that institution he was appointed to West Point by the Honorable John F. Darby, then a member of the House of Representatives /

He entered the United States Military Academy on July 1st., 1853, and was graduated 22nd., in a class of 31, on July 1, 1857. Upon graduation he was commissioned Bvt. Second Lieutenant of Cavalry. His first service was at the Cavalry School for practice, at Carlisle, Pa., 1857-58. He took recruits from Carlisle, Pa., to Salt Lake City, and after six weeks stay in Utah, returned to St. Louis and then at once was ordered to the Texas frontier.

On August 18th., 1858, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant 2nd. Cavalry and joined his regiment on frontier duty at Camp Radzimirski, Texas, 1858-59. He served with troops at Camp Cooper, Texas, 1859, was on frontier scouting duty also in 1859, and took part in the engagement against the Comanche Indians in the Combat of Mesquitunga Valley, Texas, on May 13th., 1859. Afterwards, he was stationed at Fort Inge, Texas, 1859-60. In 1860 his command marched from this station to Brownsville, Texas, and took part in the operations against Cortina's Mexican Marauders on the Rio Grande, 1860-61.

He sailed with the U. S. troops when war threatened between the North and South, to New York from Indianola, Texas, stopping at Key West and Havana. From New York he marched to Carlisle, Pa. and from there to Washington, D. C.

He was promoted First Lieutenant 2nd Cavalry, April 1st., 1861, and served as such until August 14, 1861, when he resigned his commission in the Federal Army and cast his lot with the Confederacy. Before resigning, however, from the United States Army, he served faithfully in the Defense of Washington, D. C. May-July 1861, in the Manassas Campaign of July, 1861, being engaged in the Battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, and in the Defense of Washington D. C., July-August, 1861.

Having written out his resignation in the Galt House, Louisville, Ky., and mailed the same to the War Department in Washington, he then proceeded to Richmond, Va., where he offered his services to the Confederacy. He was accepted and commissioned a Lieutenant in the Confederacy Cavalry and assigned to duty in Ardansas on the Staff of Gen. Ben McCulloch. He served on General McCulloch's staff during the battle of Pea Ridge, March 7, and 8, 1862. Gen. Ben McCulloch was killed March 7th., 1862, at the

head of his division and was succeeded in Command by Gen. Earl Van Dorn.

Lieutenant M. M. Kimmel was appointed by Special orders Hdqrs. Trans-Mississippi District, dated March 17, 1862, at Van Buren, Arkansas; Inspector-General and Ordnance Officer on General Earl Van Dorn's staff. Shortly after he was promoted to the rank of Major.

Major M. M. Kimmel served on the staff of Major General Van Dorn in the battle of Farmington, near Corinth. The Confederates evacuated Corinth, Miss., after this battle and fell back to Tupelo, Miss. Gen. Van Dorn was then ordered to command the Department of Mississippi.

On June 26th., 1862 we find from the records of the War Department that Major M. M. Kimmel was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General by G. O. No. 3 Hdqrs. Department of S. Miss. and W. La. at Jackson, Miss., on Major General Earl Van Dorn's staff.

While serving this capacity he took part in the defense of Vicksburg, Miss., from June 27th., 1862, to July 12, 1862. General Sherman was in command of the Union forces in the so-called first siege of Vicksburg. General Van Dorn moved his headquarters to Holly Springs, and from this point advanced against Corinth, which was occupied by Gen. Rosencrans, and attacked without success on Oct. 3 and 4, 1862. Van Dorn being unsuccessful in his attack of Corinth, fell back to Holly Springs, thence to Grenada where Van Dorn was succeeded by General Pemberton. Van Dorn was put in command of all the Confederate Cavalry under Pemberton.

While in command of the Confederate Cavalry Van Dorn made his great cavalry raid on Holly Springs, capturing that place in a fierce charge at day-night. About 2300 prisoners were taken and paroled by the Confederates. The union forces were under the command of Gen. Murphy of Illinois, who was greatly censured for allowing his army to be destroyed and lost his commission in the Army as a result. After this Van Dorn's Cavalry was moved to the support of Gen. Braggs, whose headquarters were at Murfreesboro, Tenn. Van Dorn's Cavalry (about 10,000 men) were on the left flank of Bragg's Army with headquarters at Columbia, Tenn. and from that point and from an advanced position

at Spring Hill, Tenn., Van Dorn made an attack on a reconnoitering Brigade of Federals under General Cohorn and at Thompson's Station, Tenn., engaged them in a fierce battle on March 5th., 1863, resulting in the capture of most of the Union forces. 2,200 Union prisoners were sent to Gen. Bragg.

All of the above is interesting in the history of Major Kimmel because of the fact that Major Kimmel served on General Van Dorn's Staff, acting in all of these operations as Chief of Staff, and because he was necessarily closely associated with General Van Dorn, seldom leaving his presence.

At the death of Gen. Earl Van Dorn, who was assassinated in his office on May 7th., 1863, at Spring Hill, Tenn. by Doctor Peters, Major Kimmel was ordered to report to Gen. Thos. Reynolds, Confederate Governor of Missouri, for duty as Adjutant General of the State of Missouri, on the staff of Gen. Reynolds with the rank of Brigadier General in the Missouri State troops. He served on Gen. Reynolds's staff for about six months. He became dissatisfied with the inaction of this position and requested that he be assigned to troops operating in the field. His request was granted and he was assigned to duty on the staff of General Kirby Smith, where he served for four or five months. Later he was transferred to General Sterling Price's Staff and accompanied him on his last raid into Missouri in 1864. He took part in the battles at Pilot Knob, Mo., Independence, Mo., and other small engagements of this raid. He was again transferred to the staff of Major General John B. Magruder's staff.

From the War Department records we find that on January 15th., 1865, he was acting as Assistant Adjutant General with the rank of Major Provisional Army, C. S. on General John B. Magruder's staff. General Magruder was then in command of the District of Arkansas.

On April 4, 1865, Major W. M. Kimmel, Provisional Army, C. S. was appointed by G. O. No. 14 Hdqrs. District of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, acting Assistant Adjutant and Inspector General on Major General J. B. Magruder's Staff.

Major M. W. Kimmel was serving in this position when the surrender of Robert E. Lee to Grant took place. He was then at Houston, Texas, and when the Army was disbanded, rode horse-back from this place, with a party of Confederate officers to the City of Mexico. Col. Polcott, who was a graduate of West Point and a Southern sympathizer, was at this time Chief Engineer of the Vera Cruz and City of Mexico R. R. then being built. Major Kimmel, with other Confederate officers, obtained employment under Col. Polcott, in the capacity of Civil Engineer and remained there until he returned to his home in Cape Girardeau, Mo. 1866.

In 1867 Major Kimmel engaged in business in St. Louis, Mo. as a member of the firm of Kimmel & OBannon, Commission Brokers. He was the author of a book of land abstracts, which he prepared about this time for all the real estate in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

On December 28th., 1868 he married Miss Sibbie Lambert at her home in Henderson, Kentucky. After his marriage he made his home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, engaging in various business enterprises. In 1872 he closed up his business affairs there and moved to Henderson, Kentucky., accepted a position as general manager of the Mastodon Coal & Coke Company, at St. Charles, Ky. A short time later this coal company consolidated with the St. Bernard Coal Company, of Burlington, Ky. Major Kimmel was appointed Superintendent of the St. Bernard Coal Company at St. Charles, Ky., which position he retained until 1884, when he resigned and moved to Henderson, Ky., Here he engaged in various business enterprises and at different times served as a member of the City Council, as a member of the Fiscal Court of Henderson, County, and as a member of the School Board for the City of Henderson. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge which he joined in 1871.

At ten O'clock Sunday morning, February 27., 1916, Major Kimmel fell just inside the front gate at his home in Henderson, Ky. He was brought into the house and died ten minutes later. Death was caused by cerebral hemorrhage.

Major Kimmel was active both mentally and physically until the very last. He had personal charge of all his business affairs and had taken an active interest in

politics, National, State, County and City. At the time of his death he had just returned to his home from a long walk through the City. He was a devoted husband and father, never failing to lend his assistance, counsel and advice when most needed. He was kind and generous to his family, honest and fair in all his dealing with men and with all of those who knew him, he enjoyed an unquestioned reputation for veracity.

Major Kimmel was survived by his widow, Mrs. Sibbie Lambert Kimmel until Jan. 23rd., 1919, and seven children, Singleton. Husband, Joel Lambert, Husband Edward, Manning Marius, and Fannie, Polly and Sibbella. His daughter Polly died Aug. 6, 1926, after a life full of usefulness in her chosen profession of teaching. He was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, both young and old, in many walks of life in our city.

Husband Edward Kimmel graduated with high honors from the Henderson High School in the class of 1890. While at Central College, Richmond, Ky., received the appointment to the United States Naval Academy, from which institution he graduated in 1904. After serving through the World War as Chief Gunnery Officer of the Staff of Admiral Rodman, is now stationed with the Pacific Fleet with the rank of Captain. He married Dorothy Ainkaid, daughter of Admiral Thomas Kindaid, and has three sons, Manning M., Thomas K., and Ralph Edward.

Manning M. Kimmel, Jr., graduated from the United States Military Academy in June, 1913, served through the World War, and is now stationed in Richmond, Virginia, with the rank of Major in the Coast Artillery Corp. He married Lucille Reed, and has one daughter, Helen Sibbella.

Written and compiled by

Sibbella Kimmel, April 15th., 1929.

HENDERSON, KENTUCKY.

MAJOR KIMMEL

ANSWERS SUDDEN

CALL OF DEATH

BRAVE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

PASSES AWAY AT HOME IN

HENDERSON.

2-28-1916

Major Manning Marius Kimmel, died suddenly at his home, corner Fifth and Green streets, this city, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Major Kimmel had been up town and had reached his front gate returning home when he was suddenly stricken with cerebral hemorrhage and died a few minutes after being carried into his home.

He had been complaining of a pain in his breast for a few days, but it was not thought to be serious. One night last week while on his way up town with his son, S. H. Kimmel, he complained of being ill and returned home. After reaching the house he said he felt better and had not been heard to complain again until early Sunday morning. He was up and dressed early Sunday and made his usual visit up town. He was just reaching his front gate when stricken and fell to the pavement. Mr. McAnan who works at the Callender grocery across the street saw him fall and rushed to his assistance. Other men passing at the time notified the family and Drs. Quinn and Wilson were summoned, both arriving shortly before he died.

Major Kimmel was born in Perry County, Mo., October the 25th, 1832, and was past 83 at the time of his death. He was married December 28,

1868 to Miss Sibbela Lambert, who survives him. Besides his wife he is survived by seven children, Singleton H. Kimmel, J. Lambert Kimmel, Misses Polly, Fannie and Sibbela Kimmel, all of this city, and Lieut. H. E. Kimmel, U. S. N. now with the Pacific fleet, and Lieut. Manning M. Kimmel, Jr., now stationed at Fort DeRusse, Honolulu. Also two sisters, Mrs. Julia M. Green, of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. William A. Pointer, of Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted over the remains from the late residence on Green and Fifth streets Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Dr. Thomas Cummins, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and the interment was in the family lot in Fernwood cemetery. The burial was private, attended only by members of the family.

Major Kimmel graduated with honors from West Point in the class of 1857, and saw active service in fighting Indians in Texas and other Western States. In 1861 he assisted in the defense of Washington, D. C., after the battle of Bull Run, but resigned from the Federal service and joined the Confederate army in the same year. He served on the staff of Gen. Sterling Price, in Missouri, Gen. van Horn and McGrider in Tennessee.

After the close of the Civil war he went to Mexico, and worked as a civil engineer on the Mexico City and Vera Cruz railroad. He then returned to the States and was employed from 1874 to 1884 as superintendent for the St. Bernard Mining company at St. Charles, Ky. Resigning his position with this company in 1884 he returned to Henderson, where he has resided continuously since. Notwithstanding his advanced age Major Kimmel was active until the last and his sudden taking away came as a great shock to members of the family and friends in the city and throughout the country.

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